

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Apparatus and Method for Parallel Transmission of Data Over a Telephone Line, the specification of which is attached hereto, and for which U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/021,345 was filed on July 8, 1996.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclosure information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certification having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 1.20 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 1.12, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior United States Application(s)

None

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And I hereby appoint: Jean-Marc Zimmerman (Reg. No. 36,770)

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(d) & 1.17(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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Title: Apparatus and Method for Parallel Transmission  
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